

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

20 August 1954

## Present

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Members: [REDACTED], CIA, Chairman  
CIA

**John Lacey, State**

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**Lt. Col. G. B. McKinney, Navy**

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**Consultants:** [REDACTED] CIA

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**Lawrence Egbert, State**

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**C. F. Alger, Navy**

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1. The thirty-third meeting convened at 1400 hours and the minutes of the thirty-second meeting were approved.

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2. [REDACTED] presented CIA's exploitation needs for Southeast Asia which will be incorporated in the Subcommittee's records.

Mr. Lacey in commenting on the 32nd minutes stated that a) State Department wanted political information on Southeast Asia only for the next six months; b) the growing interest of State should be described as "greater" rather than "geometric"; c) lack of knowledge of the area is due largely to the monopoly of colonizing countries; and d) his statement of a disparity of trained personnel on the area referred to "trained US personnel."

3. The Chairman requested comments on FDD's program proposal of exploitation of Yugoslavian publications.

[Note: Since the 33rd meeting Mr. Wilcox has notified FDD that the Yugoslav proposal is acceptable to State Department.]

Lt. Cdr. McKinney stated that Navy would like military and political information reported separately.

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██████████ stated that CIA would like to see Yugoslavia given the same treatment as the East European Satellites.

4. The Chairman distributed a proposed program on Southeast Asia to each representative and requested their comments at the next meeting.

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5. The Chairman reported that in the joint abstracting program, scientific and technical abstracts had been disseminated as follows as of 18 August 1954: FDD, 119; AID, 182; and ATIC, 293.

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6. The Chairman stated a request from [REDACTED] Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications, that this Subcommittee establish a working group to arrive at an IAC standardization of Chinese Communist Ministry and Organizational terms. A list of those terms now used in FDD and consequently in applicable MIS studies was distributed to each representative and the members were requested to review this list and check with their respective agencies to determine whether some common usage cannot be worked out without the formality of a working group survey.

7. Near East Exploitation:

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FDD: [REDACTED] stated that the manpower available for exploitation of Near East publications [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The exploitation of Near East publications is divided into three main phases: 1) Soviet-bloc information which is passed on to the unit specializing on that particular country; 2) contributions to the 12 subject categories of FDD's weekly publications "Selected Briefs from the International Press;" and 3) contributions to the following monthly reports which are issued by the Western World Branch as [REDACTED] "Non-Orbit Military Developments," "Non-Orbit Naval Developments," "Non-Orbit Air Force Developments," "Non-Orbit Roads and Railroad Developments," "Non-Orbit Inland Waterways and Ports Developments," "Non-Orbit Telecommunications Developments," "Non-Orbit Shipbuilding Developments," "Sightings of Flying Objects," and "Labor Union Activities in Non-Orbit Countries." The items of these reports are in the form of briefs with indications of additional information if applicable. In addition, a monthly [REDACTED] on the "Political Situation of Iran" is published.

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State: Mr. Egbert stated that State Department has language facility in the Near East languages, excepting Hebrew, among its analysts. He will make a check on their continuing needs and present these at the next meeting.

Navy: Lt. Cdr. McKinney stated that Navy's facilities are very limited and exploitation is conducted only on an ad hoc basis. Their general requirements are for naval and merchant marine affairs. The quantity of information at the present time is sufficient and they would be satisfied with present arrangements.

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CIA: [REDACTED] stated that CIA is interested in treatment of general economic and industrial information with some emphasis on foreign trade with the bloc, transportation, telecommunications and general geographical information. Specific requests would be on personalities, biographic studies, either studies or arrangement for the raw material on 5x8 cards of studies on government organizations as such. OCI/CIA has submitted suggestions for expansion of certain arrangements insofar as possible. As to type of reporting, CIA prefers briefs either under extract/ or abstracts with some indication of information available. CIA also prefers the treatment by country or a smaller group of countries rather than the Western World. [REDACTED] proposed as a guide for Southast Asia exploitation the MIS outline for subject topics.

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NSA: [REDACTED] stated that NSA is interested in military and government personages in addition to the general coverage mentioned by CIA.

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8. The Chairman mentioned a memorandum from [REDACTED] regarding press summaries of Chinese economic items. [REDACTED] proposes that these summaries present a limited exploitation of the Chinese press and in lieu of their distribution in the intelligence community they be incorporated in FDD's economic series of weekly or monthly summaries.

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9. The agenda for the next meeting will be (a) comments on proposed FDD Program for Southeast Asia; (b) continuation of exploitation of Near East publications.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 3 September 1954 in Room 2125 M Building, at 1400 hours.

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